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For this assignment students had to write a short story suitable of or online use, backed up by either photographs, links to other sites or recordings of interviews.



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Communication graduates Jessica Sweetman and Jeremy Wilmshurst (above) have taken two different approaches to employment after Unitec.

As a Maori graduate, Sweetman now works as a project co-ordinator for ATEED (Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development) covering Maori economic growth and Tourism development.

“Communications is quite a competitive industry and you really have to be a certain type of person to be successful,” Sweetman said.

Jeremy Wilmshurst decided to travel and get some worldly experience before settling into a permanent job.

Currently living in Australia, Jeremy said Unitec gave him the appropriate tools to optimize social media and establish his own YouTube channel entitled *The Adventures of Jeremy James Kelvin* in which he aims to document his travels.



For more information:

[The adventures of Jeremy James Kelvin](#)

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Unitec Pacific students celebrate

Lani Mikaio Su'a reports from this year's celebration dinner

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The largest number of Pacific students graduate from Unitec so far celebrated their achievement at a dinner at Manhattan Hall in Mt Roskill this year.

A total of 483 Pacific students graduated in 2015. The graduation dinner is held each year.

Organised by the Pacific Centre to bring families, friends of graduates together to celebrate the graduates' achievements. Almost 500 guests attended this year.

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Vivienne Euini has been inspired to work as a volunteer for Anxiety New Zealand because of the help that her family members received.

She started off as a volunteer and now is the Chief Executive Officer for Anxiety New Zealand.

It took six months for her family members to be diagnosed and it was not until they met the GP of Anxiety New Zealand that they were referred for treatment.

“It was like the light was flicked on when we got here because we finally had someone who understood what we were going through,” Euini said.

You can hear Vivienne Euini speaking about her background and the work of Anxiety New Zealand on this [podcast](#) from Planet FM.

If you'd like to find out more about Anxiety New Zealand visit: <http://www.anxiety.org.nz/>

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NZ takes in 750 Quota Refugees each year.

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New Zealand takes in 750 Quota Refugees annually and an additional 600 Syrians will be resettled in NZ over the next two years.

Red Cross Refugee Support Volunteer Azadeh Lohrasbi says that immigration doesn't finish when the resettlement programme does – it takes years.

"I think by the end of the day immigration can be successful, but it's a very, very long day," Lohrasbi said.

Although 2228 refugees have found a new home in Auckland over the past decade they are still facing a lot of challenges going through that process.

However, it is the first step into a new life and a large number of Aucklanders are volunteering to make it happen.

[Listen to Bettina Achraimer talk to Azadeh Lohrasbi here:](#)

[Read more about the Resettlement Program of the Red Cross:](#)

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/what-we-do/in-new-zealand/refugee-services/resettlement-programme/>

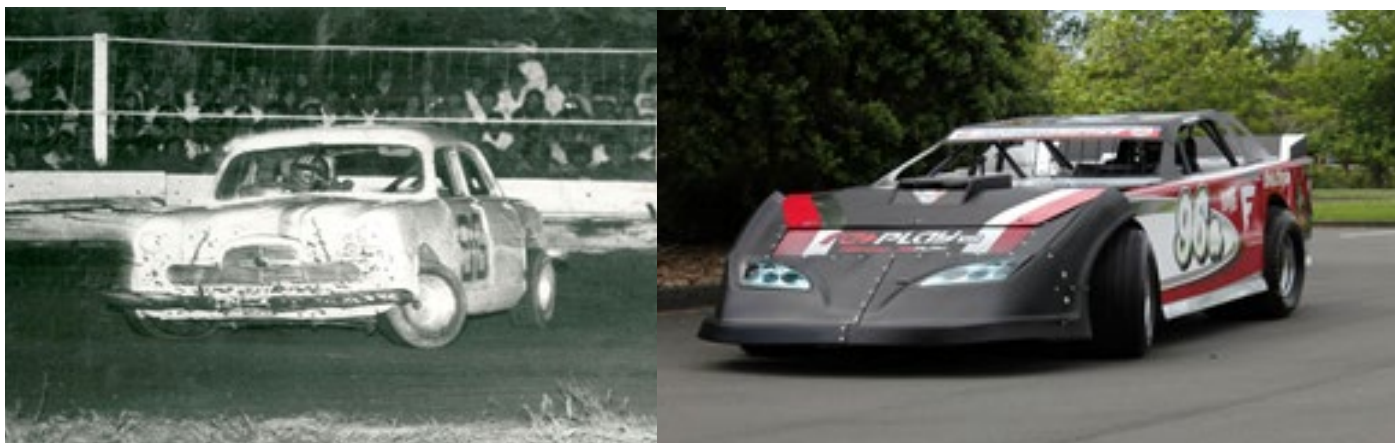
[Want to help? - Work as a Refugee Support Volunteer:](#)

<https://www.redcross.org.nz/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

[Asylum Seekers Support Trust – learn more about refugees:](#)

<http://aucklandrefugeecouncil.org>

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Auckland's Waikaraka Park is the place to be on a Saturday night for petrol heads and speedway enthusiasts.

It's also the home track for racing veteran Lance Jennings.

Jennings, 67, has been racing Super Saloon Cars throughout New Zealand since 1972, but even with over 200 wins and 45 seasons under his belt the racing legend has no plans on slowing down.

"Ten years ago I started telling people I needed to stop and they'd just laugh at me and say we'll believe it when we see it," Jennings said.

Jennings got hooked after helping a friend build a racecar when he was 23, but it's the competitiveness, friendships and overall camaraderie which have really kept his passion for the sport alive.

Waikaraka Park's 2015/2016 racing season started in October and runs through to Easter.

For more information on Lance Jennings or Waikaraka Park, go to these websites:

[Ninetysix Motorsport](#)

[Waikaraka Family Speedway](#)

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Filmscapes features three video installation art works: *The Fifth Night*, *The Nightman Cometh* and *New Women II*, a new five-channel work commissioned by the Auckland Art Gallery and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image.

"He is making work that fits into our life today and he very much wants people to think about where he comes from and Chinese history and culture and the change that is happening, but it is work that speaks to a universal audience," [Auckland Art Gallery's principal curator, Sara Stanhope, said.](#)

Yang Fudong is one of the world's best-known video installation artists. Based in Shanghai, this is the first time he has held an exhibition in New Zealand.

The Auckland Art Gallery spent three months corresponding with Yang Fudong and then another three weeks building the exhibition space and creating the projections.

For more information visit:

<http://www.aucklandartgallery.com/whats-on/events/2015/september/yang-fudong-filmscapes>

<https://www.facebook.com/AucklandArtGallery/videos/10156139757005714/>

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Jeverlyn Badilla, a Filipino nurse who is currently studying for a Graduate Diploma in Health Service and Management, said she works as a housekeeper at the Quadrant hotel.

"It wasn't a job promised by the agency, but I was already desperate to get a job so I had to take it," Badilla said.

Badilla said she paid the agency in the Philippines about NZ\$43,300. This included \$2,266 for a processing fee and a deposit NZ\$15,000 to show she could support herself.

She has joined group called Buhay Estudyante which tells intending migrants about their experiences and how to get to New Zealand.

This is how the Filipino media reported the story:

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/86730/news/rp-nurses-tricked-to-new-zealand-jobs-urged-to-tell-on-recruiters>

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Cleaning up the beach

Sea Shepherd held a major clean-up of Muriwai beach last semester. Skye Gould/Collinson reports on how locals reacted.



More than 100 people from all over the world took part in the Sea Shepherd Muriwai Beach clean this semester.

Muriwai local Tony Williams joined the other volunteers who collected more than 24 rubbish bags full of inorganic garbage in two hours.

“We found steel bars, sign holders and micro rubbish pieces – it doesn’t sound like a nice job, but it won’t clean up itself,” Williams said.

He said despite New Zealand’s small population, it produced a lot of rubbish.

Rubbish is a danger for children on the beach and wildlife like the endangered Maui’s dolphin.

[You can get the full interview here](#)

[For more information on Sea Shepherd New Zealand, click here.](#)

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